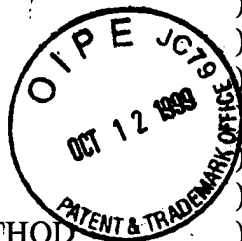


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Dear Sir:

Applicant wishes to make the Examiner aware of the following co-pending applications, all of which are assigned to the Assignee of the present invention: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/270,150 "Method for Containing and Removing Occlusions in the Carotid Arteries" filed March 16, 1999, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/933,816 filed September 19, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/813,810 filed on March 6, 1997. Applicant submits that none of these applications are prior art to the claims of the present application which are entitled to a filing date of March 6, 1997.

It is believed that a fee is not required. However, if it is determined that a fee is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to our Deposit Account No. 11-1410. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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